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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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 ERIC SOUVANNAKANE,

Plaintiff, Civil Action

v. No. 0412164MLW

SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., WILLIAM
 SULLIVAN, RICHARD SPELLMAN,
 BARBARA TAGLIARINO, KEVIN SULLIVAN,
 ALICIA COVIELLO, GARY MANSFIELD,
 Defendants.

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DEPOSITION of ERIC SOUVANNAKANE, a witness called by counsel for the Defendants Sears Roebuck & Co., William Sullivan, Richard Spellman, Barbara Tagliarino, Kevin Sullivan and Alicia Coviello taken pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure, before Toni F. Beckwith, Registered Merit Reporter, CSR No. 111293 and Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, at the Offices of Sugarman, Rogers, Barshak & Cohen, P.C., 101 Merrimac Street, Boston, Massachusetts, on Wednesday, February 8, 2006, commencing at 10:11 a.m.

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PROCEEDINGS

MS. TRAN: Do you want to agree to the usual stipulations to reserve objections, except as to form, until trial? Do you want to waive the signing, or do you want him to read and sign?

MR. OLSON: I want him to read and sign.

MS. TRAN: We can waive the notary.

Q. My name is Liza Tran. I represent Sears Roebuck & Co., as well as Richard Spellman, William Sullivan, Kevin Sullivan, Alicia Coviello, Barbara Tagliarino, which I believe is the laundry list of Sears employees that are named individually in the lawsuit that you have filed.

Have you ever been deposed before?

A. No.

Q. Just some very brief information on how the deposition will proceed. I'm going to ask you a series of questions. Everything we say is being recorded by the court reporter over here.

I'm going to ask that you let me

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finish asking my question in its entirety before you answer, even if you know what I'm going to say, and I will let you finish your answer before I ask another question. This way the court reporter can record what we're both saying. She can't record us if we're talking over each other.

Also I need you to keep your voice up so she can hear you. If at any time you need to take a break, let me know. If you need to talk to your counsel, use the rest room, I'm happy to accommodate you. I'd ask that you answer whatever question is pending at that moment before we break at any time.

A. All right.

Q. If I ask you any questions that you don't understand or you're not sure of the answer, feel free to let me know and ask me to repeat the question. I'm happy to do that. You don't have to guess at what I'm asking.

If for whatever reason you don't understand what I'm saying, just stop me and I'll happily repeat the question, okay?

A. Sure.

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Q. Also, because everything is being recorded, I'm going to need you to respond verbally. So you can't shrug or nod your head because she can't record that if she's writing down what we're saying. So you have to answer verbally even if normally you shrug your head to answer.

A. Understood.

Q. Can you please state your full name for the record?

A. Eric Souvannakane.

Q. Do you have a middle name?

A. No.

Q. Can you spell your last name?

A. S O U V A N N A K A N E.

Q. And what is your date of birth?

A. October 25, 1982.

Q. Where were you born?

A. Salem, Massachusetts.

Q. Where do you currently reside?

A. Where am I living?

Q. Yes.

A. 12 Eutaw Ave., Lynn, Mass.

Q. How long have you lived at 12 Eutaw

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Ave.?

A. About four and a half years now.

Q. Is it a house or an apartment?

A. It's an apartment building.

Q. Where did you live before that residence?

A. I lived on Endicott Street.

Q. Do you remember the actual address?

A. No, I don't.

Q. Do you remember how long you approximately lived on Endicott Street?

A. About three years.

Q. And what town or city is Endicott Street located in?

A. Lynn, Massachusetts.

Q. Do you remember where you lived before you lived on Endicott Street?

A. Yes. 90 Neptune Street.

Q. Where is 90 Neptune Street?

A. Lynn, Mass.

Q. Do you remember approximately how long you lived at 90 Neptune Street?

A. I believe one year.

Q. Are you married?

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1 A. No.
 2 Q. Do you have any children?
 3 A. I have one daughter.
 4 Q. What is her name?
 5 A. Zuriah, Z U R I A H.
 6 Q. How old is Zuriah?
 7 A. One years old.
 8 Q. Does she live with you?
 9 A. Yes.
 10 Q. Does anybody else live with you
 11 besides your daughter?
 12 A. The mother of the child.
 13 Q. What is her name?
 14 A. Sarah.
 15 Q. What is Sarah's last name?
 16 A. McDonald.
 17 Q. Can you spell her last name?
 18 A. M C D O N A L D.
 19 Q. What is your educational background?
 20 A. The automotive industry.
 21 Q. Did you go to high school?
 22 A. Yes, I did.
 23 Q. Did you graduate?
 24 A. Yes, I did.

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1 Q. Did you go to college or any post high
 2 school?
 3 A. No, I haven't.
 4 Q. Have you ever done any trainings or
 5 seminars or anything for the automotive work
 6 that you do?
 7 A. Yes, I did.
 8 Q. What trainings have you done?
 9 A. Automotive training, the vocational
 10 building in the high school facility.
 11 Q. Is this something you did while you
 12 were in high school?
 13 A. Yes.
 14 Q. Have you done anything post high
 15 school in terms of trainings for your
 16 profession?
 17 A. Jobs, local jobs.
 18 Q. But no other educational courses,
 19 seminars, trainings, anything like that?
 20 A. No.
 21 Q. How long have you been in the
 22 automotive industry?
 23 A. About seven years.
 24 Q. What year did you graduate high

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1 school?
 2 A. '02.
 3 Q. So you were working in the automotive
 4 industry while you were in high school?
 5 A. Yes.
 6 Q. What do you do in the automotive
 7 industry?
 8 A. Right now?
 9 Q. Yes.
 10 A. I'm a car salesman right now.
 11 Q. Where are you a car salesman?
 12 A. Ira Toyota in Danvers.
 13 Q. How long have you been employed by Ira
 14 Toyota?
 15 A. Since October.
 16 Q. October of what year?
 17 A. '05.
 18 Q. Is that all you do at Ira Toyota, is
 19 sell cars?
 20 A. Sales consultant, yeah.
 21 Q. Do you make a set salary at Ira Toyota
 22 or do you make a commission?
 23 A. Commission. And there is a set
 24 salary.

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1 Q. So it's both, combination?
 2 A. Yes.
 3 Q. What is your salary there?
 4 A. It's 250.
 5 Q. Can you be more explicit?
 6 A. \$250 a week.
 7 Q. What percentage of commission do you
 8 get for any cars that you sell?
 9 A. 15 percent.
 10 Q. Have you sold many cars since you've
 11 been there, since October?
 12 A. A good amount.
 13 Q. Would you be able to estimate
 14 approximately?
 15 A. Roughly 17 a month.
 16 Q. 17 cars per month?
 17 A. Yes.
 18 Q. When you say you get 15 percent
 19 commission, is that 15 percent of the total
 20 purchase price of the car?
 21 A. 15 percent of the total gross that's
 22 held.
 23 Q. That's held by who?
 24 A. By myself.

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1 Q. Can you explain how that works to me?

2 A. The car is sold at invoice -- well,
3 there's a price at invoice, and on top of that
4 there's an equipment charge. And I get a
5 percentage of the equipment charge. whatever
6 percentage I get to hold from that.

7 Q. What is a standard equipment charge on
8 a --

9 A. Depending on the make, model of
10 vehicle, it's all different. Anywhere from
11 \$3,000 to \$7,000.

12 Q. When you say you get 15 percent of how
13 much you get to hold off of that, what do you
14 mean by hold it, hold the equipment charge?

15 A. Whatever a customer agrees to a
16 figure.

17 Q. I haven't bought many cars in my
18 lifetime, so you'll have to excuse me. What do
19 you mean by whatever they agree to a figure?

20 A. Say the car is MSRP at 30 grand. An
21 invoice --

22 MR. OLSON: Manufacturer's suggested
23 retail price.

24 MS. TRAN: Thank you.

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1 A. And the invoice price is at 25,
2 there's a \$5,000 gross held in the vehicle. And
3 from there whatever I sell the car at, between
4 25 and 30 is what I make out of the deal, 15
5 percent.

6 Q. So the difference between the MSRP and
7 then what you sell the car at you make 15
8 percent of that difference?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Where were you employed before you
11 were employed at Ira Toyota?

12 A. Pride Chevrolet.

13 Q. Where is Pride Chevrolet located?

14 A. Lynn, Mass.

15 Q. How long were you employed at Pride
16 Chevrolet?

17 A. Year and a half.

18 Q. What did you do there?

19 A. Auto body technician.

20 Q. What does that entail?

21 A. Bodywork on vehicles.

22 Q. Just bodywork, no engine work?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Did you make a set salary?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What was your salary while you were
3 there?

4 A. \$450.

5 Q. Per week?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Did you work a full-time schedule?

8 A. 40 hours a week.

9 Q. Did you work at Pride Chevrolet right
10 up until the time you took the job at Ira
11 Toyota?

12 A. No, I haven't.

13 Q. No?

14 A. No.

15 Q. So when did you leave Pride Chevrolet?

16 A. I left about in May.

17 Q. May of 2005?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. What did you do between the time that
20 you left Pride Chevrolet and the time you
21 started at Ira Toyota?

22 A. Collect unemployment.

23 Q. Were you terminated from Pride
24 Chevrolet?

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1 A. Laid off.

2 Q. What reasons were you given for the
3 layoff, if any?

4 A. It was slow.

5 Q. Was anybody else laid off besides you?

6 A. People were getting laid off once a
7 week. One person a week was getting laid off.

8 Q. For about how long?

9 A. I'd say for a good two months.

10 Q. So from May of 2005 until October of
11 2005 you collected unemployment as a result of
12 the layoff from Pride Chevrolet?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. What did you do before you were
15 employed at Pride Chevrolet?

16 A. I was employed by Firestone Automotive
17 Shop.

18 Q. Do you remember when you started at
19 Pride Chevrolet?

20 A. February of '04.

21 Q. Do you remember for how long you were
22 employed at Firestone Automotive Shop?

23 A. About a month and a half. I left
24 Firestone in January.

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<p>1 Q. January of what year?</p> <p>2 A. About '05 -- '04.</p> <p>3 Q. So you started there in December or</p> <p>4 November of 2003?</p> <p>5 A. November.</p> <p>6 Q. Where is Firestone Automotive located?</p> <p>7 A. Lawrence, Mass.</p> <p>8 Q. What did you do while you were</p> <p>9 employed by Firestone?</p> <p>10 A. I was an automotive technician.</p> <p>11 Q. What did that entail?</p> <p>12 A. Maintenance work on vehicles,</p> <p>13 tune-ups, and alignments.</p> <p>14 Q. So unlike when you were at Pride</p> <p>15 Chevrolet, this involved some engine work?</p> <p>16 (Pause)</p> <p>17 MR. OLSON: You need to respond.</p> <p>18 A. Yes. I apologize.</p> <p>19 Q. That's okay. Even those of us that do</p> <p>20 this frequently often forget.</p> <p>21 Did you have a set salary while you</p> <p>22 were employed by Firestone?</p> <p>23 A. It was a flat rate commission.</p> <p>24 Q. Can you explain a flat rate commission</p>	<p>1 Q. Why did you leave Firestone?</p> <p>2 A. Great distance from home, back and</p> <p>3 forth.</p> <p>4 Q. Where were you living at that point?</p> <p>5 A. 12 Eutaw.</p> <p>6 Q. That was in Lynn?</p> <p>7 A. Lynn, Mass., yes.</p> <p>8 Q. Is that the only reason you left</p> <p>9 Firestone?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. Did you leave voluntarily?</p> <p>12 A. Please elaborate.</p> <p>13 Q. Did you leave voluntarily or were you</p> <p>14 fired or terminated?</p> <p>15 A. Oh, I just left voluntarily.</p> <p>16 Q. Where were you employed before you</p> <p>17 were employed at Firestone?</p> <p>18 A. Sears.</p> <p>19 Q. How long were you employed at Sears?</p> <p>20 A. A year and a couple of months.</p> <p>21 Q. And by Sears, you mean the Sears</p> <p>22 located where?</p> <p>23 A. Saugus, Massachusetts.</p> <p>24 Q. I'm going to skip over that one for</p>
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<p>1 to me?</p> <p>2 A. Depending how many hours are given on</p> <p>3 the job is what I get. Flat rate they give you</p> <p>4 an hourly rate. And say the job is worth four</p> <p>5 hours, you get four hours of what your pay is.</p> <p>6 Q. By "the job," you mean the work that</p> <p>7 you did on a particular car?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. So they paid you an hourly rate for</p> <p>10 however long it took you to complete each car?</p> <p>11 A. Depending on how many hours they gave</p> <p>12 you on that vehicle.</p> <p>13 Q. Meaning they would set a limit as to</p> <p>14 how much time it should take?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. What was the hourly rate that you were</p> <p>17 given?</p> <p>18 A. \$13.75.</p> <p>19 Q. Per hour?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. So is it safe to say the more cars you</p> <p>22 were able to complete in a given day, the more</p> <p>23 money you would make?</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p>	<p>1 now, because we're going to come back to it, and</p> <p>2 go to the job that you held prior to your job at</p> <p>3 Sears. Where was that?</p> <p>4 A. The job before Sears?</p> <p>5 Q. Yes.</p> <p>6 A. LedgeWood Nursing Rehabilitation.</p> <p>7 Q. Where is LedgeWood Nursing</p> <p>8 Rehabilitation?</p> <p>9 A. Beverly, Massachusetts.</p> <p>10 Q. What did you do at LedgeWood Nursing</p> <p>11 Rehabilitation?</p> <p>12 A. Training for a certified nursing</p> <p>13 assistant.</p> <p>14 Q. Did you work as a certificate nursing</p> <p>15 assistant, or were you training as a certified</p> <p>16 nursing assistant?</p> <p>17 A. Training.</p> <p>18 Q. Did you get paid for that work?</p> <p>19 A. Yes, I did.</p> <p>20 Q. What was your salary while you were</p> <p>21 employed there?</p> <p>22 A. \$12.</p> <p>23 Q. Per hour?</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p>

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1 Q. What kind of work did you do at the
2 LedgeWood Nursing Rehab?
3 A. Take care of the elderly.
4 Q. What did that entail, generally?
5 A. Feed them, bathe them, help them out.
6 Q. How long were you employed there?
7 A. A little under two months.
8 Q. Do you remember when you left
9 LedgeWood?
10 A. June.
11 Q. Of what year?
12 A. I believe this is '03.
13 MR. OLSON: You'd better go back
14 another one.
15 MS. TRAN: Kurt, if you can let me...
16 MR. OLSON: Yes. Sorry.
17 Q. I'm confused then, because I doubt
18 it's June of 2003, so I want to clarify the year
19 because you left Sears in 2003, right?
20 A. I believe so.
21 Q. And you were employed by Sears for a
22 year and a half?
23 A. Then this is '02 then. This is while
24 I was in high school.

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1 Q. So you were employed at LedgeWood
2 before your employment at Sears, but they didn't
3 overlap; is that correct?
4 A. Correct.
5 Q. So approximately June of 2002 you left
6 LedgeWood?
7 A. Yes, 2002.
8 Q. Did you complete the training for the
9 certified nursing assistant?
10 A. Yes, I did.
11 Q. So are you now certified as a nursing
12 assistant?
13 A. Not really, no.
14 Q. Why are you not certified if you
15 completed the training?
16 A. It expired.
17 Q. So at some point you were certified as
18 a nursing --
19 A. Yes, I was.
20 Q. If you can let me finish, even though
21 you know what I'm going to ask you so she can
22 record.
23 A. All right.
24 Q. Did you ever do any other work as a

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1 nursing assistant besides your work at
2 LedgeWood?
3 A. No.
4 Q. Why did you leave LedgeWood?
5 A. It wasn't a job for me.
6 Q. Did you leave voluntarily or were you
7 terminated?
8 A. Voluntarily.
9 Q. Were you working at LedgeWood while
10 you were in high school?
11 A. Yes.
12 Q. During the time that you worked at
13 LedgeWood, did you do any other automotive work
14 during that time?
15 A. Other than the program in school?
16 Q. Right. Anything that you were
17 employed by an outside employer for?
18 A. No.
19 Q. Where were you employed prior to being
20 employed by LedgeWood Nursing Rehab?
21 A. I don't understand.
22 Q. Were you employed someplace else prior
23 to your work at LedgeWood?
24 A. No.

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1 Q. So that was your first job?
2 A. Oh, wait. Pep Boys.
3 Q. Pep Boys, P E P?
4 A. Yeah, P E P, boys.
5 Q. Where is Pep Boys?
6 A. Salem, Massachusetts.
7 Q. When were you employed by Pep Boys?
8 A. I want to say October.
9 Q. Of what year?
10 A. This is '01.
11 Q. Were you in high school at this time?
12 A. Yes.
13 Q. Do you remember approximately how old
14 you were?
15 A. 18.
16 Q. How long did you work at Pep Boys for?
17 A. Almost three months.
18 Q. Did you get that employment through
19 your school, or was it something that you got
20 separate from school?
21 A. Separate.
22 Q. What did you do while you were
23 employed at Pep Boys?
24 A. Maintenance technician.

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1 Q. What did that entail?
 2 A. Tires, oil changes, batteries.
 3 Q. Did you receive a salary while you
 4 were employed there?
 5 A. Yes.
 6 Q. What was that salary?
 7 A. \$400.
 8 Q. Per week?
 9 A. Per week.
 10 Q. Why did you leave your employment at
 11 Pep Boys?
 12 A. Termination.
 13 Q. What were you terminated for?
 14 A. Being late.
 15 Q. Was that the only reason you were
 16 terminated?
 17 A. Yes.
 18 Q. How frequently were you late?
 19 A. Out of a week -- I'd say twice a week
 20 because of school.
 21 Q. So was it the case that your school
 22 schedule conflicted with your work schedule?
 23 A. Yes. I didn't have a car at the time.
 24 Q. How did you get to work?

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1 A. Walk.
 2 Q. Have you ever been reprimanded at any
 3 other job for being late?
 4 A. No.
 5 Q. Were you employed anywhere else prior
 6 to your employment at Pep Boys?
 7 A. Burger King. My first job.
 8 Q. That was your first job?
 9 A. Yes.
 10 Q. Do you remember approximately how long
 11 you were employed at Burger King?
 12 A. No, I don't.
 13 Q. Do you remember where that Burger King
 14 was located?
 15 A. Salem, Massachusetts.
 16 Q. Did you leave that job voluntarily or
 17 were you terminated?
 18 A. Voluntarily.
 19 Q. You previously testified that you're
 20 currently employed as a car salesman at Ira,
 21 correct?
 22 A. Correct.
 23 Q. Why did you decide to become a car
 24 salesman as opposed to continuing on as an

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1 automotive technician?
 2 A. It was still car business, but I
 3 wanted to try something new.
 4 Q. Is that the only reason that you
 5 decided to do the car sales?
 6 A. I'd say so.
 7 Q. You'd say so?
 8 A. It's more mental work than physical
 9 work.
 10 Q. If you wanted to, do you think you
 11 would be able to get a job as an automotive
 12 technician today?
 13 A. Yes.
 14 Q. Have you ever had any trouble getting
 15 work as an automotive technician?
 16 A. No.
 17 Q. Do you like car sales?
 18 A. Yes.
 19 Q. Have you ever been involved in any
 20 other civil lawsuits?
 21 A. Yes.
 22 Q. What were they? Let's take them one
 23 at a time starting with the earliest one.
 24 A. Car accident.

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1 Q. When approximately was the car
 2 accident?
 3 A. I don't remember.
 4 Q. Do you remember the year?
 5 A. No, I don't.
 6 Q. Do you remember roughly how long ago
 7 it was?
 8 A. No -- yeah. Four, five years back.
 9 I'm not quite sure.
 10 Q. Were you driving or were you a
 11 passenger in that accident?
 12 A. A passenger. No. I was driving.
 13 Q. Were you driving your own car or
 14 somebody else's car?
 15 A. It was my car.
 16 Q. What car was it?
 17 A. I apologize. I was a passenger.
 18 Q. The first accident?
 19 A. The first one I was a passenger.
 20 Q. Were you injured as a result of that
 21 accident?
 22 A. Yes.
 23 Q. Were there any fatalities as a result
 24 of that accident?

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1 A. No, there wasn't.
 2 Q. Did you file a lawsuit as a result of
 3 that accident?
 4 A. Yes, I did.
 5 Q. Who did you sue?
 6 A. I don't remember. The person that hit
 7 us.
 8 Q. What were your injuries as a result of
 9 that accident?
 10 A. Back and neck problems.
 11 Q. Did you treat with anybody?
 12 A. A chiropractor.
 13 Q. Do you remember approximately how long
 14 you treated with the chiropractor for?
 15 A. No.
 16 Q. Did you settle that lawsuit?
 17 A. Yes.
 18 Q. Do you remember for how much money?
 19 A. No.
 20 Q. Do you remember what year you settled
 21 the lawsuit?
 22 A. No.
 23 Q. Do you remember what city or town or
 24 county the lawsuit was brought in?

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1 A. No.
 2 MS. TRAN: Can you give me one second?
 3 I'm missing one document. Thanks.
 4 (Exhibits 1 through 4 marked
 5 for identification)
 6 MS. TRAN: I've marked as Exhibit No.
 7 I the plaintiff's response to the defendant
 8 Sears, Roebuck & Co.'s first set of
 9 interrogatories. Marked as Exhibit No. 2 is the
 10 Plaintiff's response to defendant Sears, Roebuck
 11 & Co.'s first request for production of
 12 documents. Marked as Exhibit No. 3 is the
 13 plaintiff's response to defendant Gary
 14 Mansfield's first set of interrogatories.
 15 Marked as Exhibit No. 4 is the plaintiff's
 16 response to defendant Gary Mansfield first
 17 request for production of documents.
 18 Q. Eric, I'm going to show you what's
 19 been marked as Exhibit No. 3, particularly
 20 Answer No. 6 on Page 2 which has a listing of
 21 civil lawsuits that you've been involved in.
 22 That first car accident we were just
 23 discussing, do you know which one of those
 24 lawsuits is relative to that first car accident?

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1 A. No.
 2 Q. How many other civil lawsuits have you
 3 been involved in besides the car accident that
 4 we were just discussing?
 5 A. Another car accident.
 6 Q. Do you remember approximately when
 7 that car accident took place?
 8 A. Not really, but it was right after the
 9 first one, not too long.
 10 Q. Within a year of the first one?
 11 A. Maybe a little more than a year.
 12 Q. Were you a passenger or a driver in
 13 that accident?
 14 A. I was the driver.
 15 Q. Were you driving your own car or
 16 somebody else's car?
 17 A. My own car.
 18 Q. What car was it?
 19 A. Audi A4.
 20 Q. Did you sue somebody as a result of
 21 that car accident?
 22 A. Yes.
 23 Q. Who did you sue?
 24 A. The other person's insurance company.

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1 Q. By other person, do you mean the other
 2 driver?
 3 A. The vehicle was stolen, but...
 4 Q. The person that you sued, when you
 5 said "the other person's insurance company," did
 6 you mean the driver of the other car that was
 7 involved in the accident, their insurance
 8 company?
 9 A. Yes.
 10 Q. I'm sorry. Was it the driver of the
 11 accident's insurance company or was it the owner
 12 of the car's insurance company. Do you
 13 remember?
 14 A. The owner of the car's insurance
 15 company.
 16 Q. And the owner of the car and the
 17 driver were not the same person; is that
 18 correct?
 19 A. No.
 20 Q. Were you injured as a result of that
 21 accident?
 22 A. Yes, I was.
 23 Q. What injuries did you sustain?
 24 A. My whole left side.

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1 Q. What do you mean by "left side"?
 2 A. My neck, arm, my back, my face.
 3 Q. What damage was done to your neck,
 4 your back, your arm and your face?
 5 A. Just pain.
 6 Q. But no open wounds or scarring or
 7 anything like that?
 8 A. Yes.
 9 Q. Yes, what?
 10 A. Couple of cuts.
 11 Q. Where were the cuts?
 12 A. In my arm.
 13 Q. Were they severe cuts or were they
 14 scratches?
 15 A. Scratches.
 16 Q. Did you treat with a doctor as a
 17 result of those injuries?
 18 A. Yes.
 19 Q. Who did you treat with?
 20 A. The hospital, the emergency room.
 21 Q. What hospital were you taken to?
 22 A. Salem, Mass.
 23 Q. Going back to the first accident that
 24 we discussed, were you taken to a hospital as a

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1 result of that accident?
 2 A. Yes.
 3 Q. What hospital were you taken to in
 4 that first accident?
 5 A. Salem, Mass.
 6 Q. I don't want to know any discussions
 7 that you've had with any attorneys who have
 8 represented you, but were you represented by an
 9 attorney for that first car accident?
 10 A. Yes.
 11 Q. What was the name of that attorney?
 12 A. Mike Maloney.
 13 Q. Where is Mike Maloney located?
 14 A. Lynn, Mass.
 15 Q. Were you represented by an attorney in
 16 your lawsuit regarding the second accident?
 17 A. Repeat that question?
 18 Q. Were you represented by an attorney in
 19 your lawsuit regarding the second accident?
 20 A. Yes.
 21 Q. What's the name of that attorney?
 22 A. Mike Maloney.
 23 Q. Same Mike from the first accident?
 24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Did you settle that second lawsuit?
 2 A. Yes.
 3 Q. For how much?
 4 A. I don't remember.
 5 Q. Do you remember if it was over \$5,000?
 6 A. No, I don't remember.
 7 Q. Do you remember if it was over
 8 \$10,000?
 9 A. Not that high.
 10 Q. So somewhere between zero and \$10,000?
 11 A. Yes.
 12 Q. When I say somewhere between zero and
 13 \$10,000, I mean \$10,000 that settled for the
 14 total, not how much you got out of the
 15 settlement. Do you understand that distinction?
 16 A. Yes.
 17 Q. With regard to the first lawsuit, you
 18 say you settled that one as well. Was that one
 19 more than \$5,000?
 20 A. I don't know.
 21 Q. Was it for more than \$10,000?
 22 A. I know it wasn't more than \$10,000.
 23 Q. It wasn't more than \$10,000?
 24 A. Yeah.

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1 Q. So somewhere between zero and \$10,000
 2 for the second one?
 3 A. Yes.
 4 Q. Have you ever been involved in any
 5 other lawsuits, civil lawsuits?
 6 A. No.
 7 Q. I'm going to show you again what's
 8 been marked as Exhibit No. 3, again referencing
 9 Answer No. 6, the last two lawsuits listed?
 10 A. Mm-hmm.
 11 Q. Are those the two civil lawsuits we've
 12 just been discussing? Souvannakane versus
 13 Njuguna, and the second one is Souvannakane
 14 versus Hernandez.
 15 A. Mm-hmm.
 16 Q. Are those the only two civil lawsuits
 17 that you've been involved in?
 18 A. At this point I'm confused.
 19 Q. Those two lawsuits listed there, the
 20 ones that I just mentioned?
 21 A. Yeah.
 22 Q. Are those the only two civil lawsuits
 23 that you've ever been involved in?
 24 A. Yes, I guess.

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1 Q. You guess. What's confusing you?
 2 A. The first one here, Commonwealth
 3 versus Souvannakane.
 4 Q. Commonwealth versus Souvannakane, any
 5 lawsuit that's brought -- typically any lawsuit
 6 brought by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 7 against an individual is a criminal lawsuit.
 8 I'm not asking you about criminal things right
 9 now. I'm only asking you about civil lawsuits.
 10 A. Oh yeah, those two there.
 11 Q. So those two are the two lawsuits
 12 we're discussing?
 13 A. Yes.
 14 Q. But you don't know which one relates
 15 to which accident?
 16 A. No. These are the dates marked right
 17 there, right?
 18 Q. Those are the dates that they were
 19 settled, but whether or not those were the dates
 20 that they took place on, I don't know.
 21 A. Okay.
 22 Q. Do you happen to know?
 23 A. No.
 24 Q. Have you ever been involved in --

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1 strike that.
 2 Have you ever been charged with a
 3 felony in the last ten years?
 4 A. No.
 5 Q. Have you ever been charged with a
 6 misdemeanor?
 7 A. I want to say no, but I'm not sure.
 8 Q. Have you ever been criminally charged
 9 for a crime?
 10 A. Yes.
 11 Q. What were you charged with?
 12 A. I don't know if it was vehicular
 13 homicide. Leaving the scene of an accident.
 14 Q. Are those two separate charges?
 15 A. Yes.
 16 Q. So you were charged once with
 17 vehicular homicide and once with leaving the
 18 scene of an accident?
 19 A. Yes.
 20 Q. Did they arise out of the same set of
 21 circumstances or were they two different events?
 22 A. Same situation.
 23 Q. Any other charges?
 24 A. At this point, I don't remember.

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1 Q. I'm going to show you what's been
 2 marked as Exhibit No. 4. These are document
 3 responses that you submitted to discovery
 4 requests by Officer Mansfield.
 5 I'll show you what is tabbed as
 6 response to Request No. 12 of that document
 7 request. Just take a look at it for me.
 8 A. All this (indicating)?
 9 Q. Yes. Take your time.
 10 A. Mm-hmm.
 11 Q. Not that it matters, I'm going to give
 12 you the marked copy. It's the same thing. Just
 13 take a look at the one that's marked.
 14 (Pause)
 15 A. Which one do you want me to look at?
 16 Q. Look at the whole thing. Take your
 17 time reviewing it. There's a page after that as
 18 well.
 19 A. Okay.
 20 (Pause)
 21 Q. I haven't asked you any questions yet.
 22 So feel free to look at it, and then I'll ask
 23 you questions.
 24 A. I'm done.

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1 Q. On the top it's identified as the
 2 record information as of 1/11/2006. I think
 3 that date is accurate. It's cut off a bit.
 4 MR. OLSON: Mm-hmm.
 5 Q. Going down the list, there's a charge
 6 for July 7, 2004 to compulsory insurance
 7 violation. Do you remember that charge?
 8 A. It's rings a bell, but I'm not so sure
 9 what that is for.
 10 Q. Do you remember appearing in court as
 11 a result of that charge?
 12 A. No.
 13 Q. Do you remember any penalty or any
 14 adverse action taken against you as a result of
 15 that charge either by the Commonwealth of
 16 Massachusetts or by your insurance company?
 17 A. No.
 18 Q. Do you remember being arrested as a
 19 result of that charge?
 20 A. No.
 21 Q. Going down to the next one, which is
 22 also dated July 7, 2004, there's an offense for
 23 attaching the wrong MV plates?
 24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Do you remember that charge?
 2 A. Yes.
 3 Q. Do you remember being arrested as a
 4 result of that charge?
 5 A. No.
 6 Q. Do you remember any adverse action
 7 taken against you as a result of that charge,
 8 any fines you had to pay?
 9 A. Yes.
 10 Q. Did you have to appear in court as a
 11 result of that charge?
 12 A. Yes.
 13 Q. What resulted from that court
 14 appearance?
 15 A. Pay a fine.
 16 (Inaudible comment made by witness
 17 to Attorney Olson)
 18 Q. Just to be clear, I know you want
 19 to -- he actually can't talk to you during the
 20 course of the deposition. So if you want to
 21 talk to him, take a break, that's totally fine.
 22 He can't answer any questions as I ask you
 23 questions or confirm things for you, even though
 24 he may want to.

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1 A. I don't have a question there.
 2 Q. You had to pay a fine as a result of
 3 attaching the wrong MV plates, and then that was
 4 it?
 5 A. Yes.
 6 Q. Moving down to the next one dated
 7 March 24, 2004 for malicious destruction of
 8 property, do you remember being arrested as a
 9 result of that charge?
 10 A. No.
 11 Q. Did you have to appear in court as a
 12 result of that charge?
 13 A. Yes.
 14 Q. Is that the charge relating to the oil
 15 spill at Sears?
 16 A. Yes.
 17 Q. We'll come back to that one later on
 18 in the deposition.
 19 Moving down, June 27, 2003, minor
 20 possession of alcoholic beverage, and then
 21 there's some letters that I don't know what
 22 they're supposed to stand for.
 23 Do you remember being arrested as a
 24 result of that charge?

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1 A. Yes.
 2 Q. What were the circumstances
 3 surrounding that, briefly, surrounding that
 4 charge?
 5 A. I don't understand.
 6 Q. You were arrested. Where were you
 7 when you were arrested?
 8 A. In jail.
 9 Q. You were arrested while you were in
 10 jail? Where were you when you were arrested for
 11 the charge?
 12 A. Revere.
 13 Q. And were you arrested because at the
 14 time that the police arrived for whatever reason
 15 you had alcohol on you?
 16 A. Say that again.
 17 Q. Why were you arrested?
 18 A. The cop pulled me over.
 19 Q. So you were pulled over for a traffic
 20 stop?
 21 A. Yeah.
 22 Q. How old were you, do you remember?
 23 A. I don't remember.
 24 Q. Well, if it's March 24, 2004, how old

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1 would you have been?
 2 A. 19 or 20. Maybe 21. Obviously 20.
 3 MR. OLSON: June '03, not '04.
 4 MS. TRAN: You're right. I'm sorry.
 5 June '03.
 6 A. I was a minor with alcohol, under 21.
 7 Q. So you were under 21 years old, and
 8 you had alcohol in the car when you were pulled
 9 over?
 10 A. Yes, I did. My passenger did.
 11 Q. I'm sorry, what was that?
 12 A. My passenger did.
 13 Q. How many passengers were in the car
 14 with you?
 15 A. Two.
 16 Q. Were all three of you arrested?
 17 A. No, just me.
 18 Q. Were the other two passengers over the
 19 age of 21?
 20 A. No.
 21 Q. And did you have to appear in court as
 22 a result of that charge?
 23 A. Yes.
 24 Q. What was the result of that court

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1 appearance?
 2 A. Pay a fine.
 3 Q. Were you ever convicted of anything as
 4 a result of that charge, to your knowledge?
 5 A. No. Convicted as of?
 6 Q. Meaning was there a guilty charge on
 7 your record or not that you know of?
 8 A. I don't know of.
 9 Q. Next going down the list is July 24,
 10 2002. The offense is listed as possession
 11 Class D, C O N T, substance. I assume that
 12 means controlled substance. Were you arrested
 13 as a result of that charge?
 14 A. No.
 15 Q. Did you have to appear in court as a
 16 result of that charge?
 17 A. Yes.
 18 Q. What resulted from that court
 19 appearance?
 20 A. Fine.
 21 Q. Do you remember approximately how old
 22 you were at that time?
 23 A. No.
 24 Q. What were the circumstances -- well,

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1 you weren't arrested. How were you charged with
 2 the offense?
 3 A. I don't remember. It's right there.
 4 Possession of Class D.
 5 Q. I know what the offense is. How did
 6 you get notice of the court hearing?
 7 A. Citation.
 8 Q. When was the citation issued?
 9 A. The night we got pulled over.
 10 Q. So it was again a motor vehicle stop
 11 and a police officer issued a citation?
 12 A. Yes.
 13 Q. And then you had to appear in court as
 14 a result of that citation?
 15 A. Yes.
 16 Q. Did you have passengers in the car
 17 with you at that time?
 18 A. I was a passenger.
 19 Q. How many people were in the car with
 20 you?
 21 A. The driver.
 22 Q. What was the substance that you were
 23 cited for?
 24 A. Marijuana.

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1 Q. Going down the list, we have August 3,
 2 2001. The offense is listed as HOM BY MV while
 3 under the influence of liquor. I assume that
 4 means homicide by motor vehicle while under the
 5 influence of liquor.
 6 Do you remember being arrested as a
 7 result of that charge?
 8 A. Yes.
 9 Q. What were the circumstances of that
 10 arrest?
 11 A. I don't know. All the charges was
 12 dropped, so...
 13 Q. Understanding they were dropped, what
 14 were the circumstances of the arrest?
 15 A. I don't really understand.
 16 Q. Were you arrested as a result of a car
 17 accident?
 18 A. Not a car accident -- yeah, car
 19 accident, I guess.
 20 Q. Were you driving or were you a
 21 passenger in that?
 22 A. I was the driver.
 23 Q. Did you hit another car or a person?
 24 A. A person hit me.

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1 Q. A person or car hit you?
 2 A. A person.
 3 Q. So a pedestrian walking hit your car?
 4 A. Basically.
 5 Q. While you were driving?
 6 A. Yeah. It doesn't make sense, but it
 7 makes sense.
 8 Q. What were the circumstances of that
 9 accident?
 10 A. Fatal.
 11 Q. The pedestrian who hit you while you
 12 were driving your car died?
 13 A. Yes.
 14 Q. Do you remember having to appear in
 15 court as a result of that charge?
 16 A. Yes.
 17 Q. What resulted from that court hearing?
 18 A. Everything was dropped.
 19 Q. Were you put on probation?
 20 A. No.
 21 Q. Do you know why the charges were
 22 dropped?
 23 A. It wasn't my fault.
 24 Q. Is that what the judge or the court

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1 said to you, or is that why you think the
 2 charges were dropped?
 3 A. That's what basically why they dropped
 4 the charges.
 5 Q. Was that the reason given to you?
 6 A. To the best of my knowledge, yes.
 7 Q. On the same date there's also a
 8 separate offense for leaving the scene, person
 9 injured. Is that relating to the motor vehicle
 10 accident that resulted in the fatality?
 11 A. Yes.
 12 Q. Did you, in fact, leave the scene?
 13 A. Yes.
 14 Q. If you left the scene after the person
 15 was injured, how were you arrested? Were you
 16 arrested later by the police?
 17 A. I called the police.
 18 Q. So did you call police when you got
 19 home?
 20 A. Yes.
 21 Q. Did you know you had hit somebody when
 22 you were at the scene?
 23 A. No.
 24 Q. So why did you call the police when

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1 you got home?
 2 A. I was attacked.
 3 Q. By whom?
 4 A. A large group of drunk teenage
 5 individuals.
 6 Q. Attacked in your home?
 7 A. No, in my car at the scene.
 8 Q. Before or after the accident?
 9 A. Before and after.
 10 Q. Where were you coming from when the
 11 accident happened?
 12 A. I was coming from the scene of the
 13 accident.
 14 Q. Where was the scene of the accident?
 15 A. In Lynn.
 16 Q. Where in Lynn?
 17 A. I don't remember.
 18 Q. You don't know where the accident
 19 occurred?
 20 A. I don't know the exact address.
 21 Q. That's okay. Can you give me a
 22 landmark where approximately it was? Were you
 23 at a friend's house, were you driving on the
 24 road?

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1 A. I was at a party, I guess.
 2 Q. Why were you attacked?
 3 A. No idea.
 4 Q. So you called the police because of
 5 the attack but not because of the accident; is
 6 that correct?
 7 A. Correct.
 8 Q. Next one, same date, the offense is
 9 listed as operating recklessly. I assume that's
 10 also related to the same accident?
 11 A. Mm-hmm.
 12 Q. Can you run through very briefly what
 13 happened that night? I'm just trying to
 14 understand the circumstances.
 15 A. Went to a house party -- I'll answer
 16 your question to the best of my knowledge.
 17 Q. That's okay.
 18 A. Went to a house party that my cousin
 19 told me to come by, checked it out, stepped
 20 inside, all hell broke loose; stepped inside the
 21 vehicle to get away, bats, glass, whatever
 22 was -- I was in the car. I was being attacked,
 23 people jumping on the car, breaking windows.
 24 Threw it in drive trying to get away, couldn't

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1 do nothing, too many people, foot on the brake,
 2 didn't know what to do. I released the brake
 3 pedal. From there, I went home.
 4 Q. When you said you stepped into the
 5 party, all hell broke loose. What do you mean
 6 by that?
 7 A. Stepped inside and all hell broke
 8 loose.
 9 Q. What do you mean by "all hell broke
 10 loose"?
 11 A. It was out of control.
 12 Q. What was out of control?
 13 A. The individuals that were inside the
 14 house.
 15 Q. And by "out of control," what were
 16 they doing?
 17 A. Drugs.
 18 Q. There were drugs at the house at the
 19 party?
 20 A. I'm pretty sure there was.
 21 Q. Is that what you mean when you say
 22 "all hell broke loose"?
 23 A. It was out of the control. I don't
 24 understand.

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1 Q. Well, when you say "all hell broke
2 loose," I assume that's the reason why you left
3 the party and went to your car; is that correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. So what specifically caused you to
6 leave the party and go to your car?

7 A. It wasn't an environment for me.

8 Q. And do you know why the people from
9 the party followed you out?

10 A. No.

11 Q. So you go to a party. And when you
12 get there, you decide the environment is not for
13 you, and you turn around and leave, and people
14 randomly just come out and start beating on the
15 car and start attacking you with bats and glass?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And then when you are leaving, they
18 are still on the car, so you go because you
19 don't know what else to do, and you don't know
20 that you hit somebody; is that correct?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. And then you go home and call the
23 police because you've been attacked?

24 A. Correct.

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1 Q. But you have no understanding why you
2 were attacked?

3 A. To this day, yes.

4 Q. Were you yourself using drugs or
5 alcohol that evening?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Nothing?

8 A. A little bit of beer, but that's about
9 it. Not enough to be drunk.

10 Q. But enough to be under the influence
11 of liquor, as you were charged?

12 A. No.

13 Q. How much beer did you have that night?

14 A. Two bottles. That's well before all
15 this took place, anyway.

16 Q. So there's that incident with the --
17 okay. Strike that. Moving on.

18 We'll go to the next one which is
19 dated, on this same list, which is dated October
20 24, 2000. The offense is listed as disturbing
21 the peace?

22 A. Mm-hmm.

23 Q. Then in parens it says breach, and
24 then in parens again it says DP.

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1 Do you remember being arrested as a
2 result of that incident?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Were you arrested at the scene of
5 wherever that incident took place?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. What were the circumstances
8 surrounding that arrest?

9 A. Confusion, but...

10 Q. What do you mean by that?

11 A. I don't really remember, but there was
12 a lot of confusion. That's all I know.

13 Q. Where were you arrested when you were
14 arrested for disturbing the peace?

15 A. Salem, Mass.

16 Q. Where was the exact address?

17 A. I don't remember.

18 Q. Where you at a friend's house?

19 A. Walking through to go to a friend's
20 house.

21 Q. Walking down the street to go to a
22 friend's house?

23 A. Walking inside the apartment to go to
24 a friend's house.

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1 Q. So you were inside the apartment
2 building?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Why were you arrested for disturbing
5 the peace?

6 A. Officer stopped me and asked me some
7 questions.

8 Q. The officer inside the apartment
9 building stopped you and asked you questions?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Why did he stop you?

12 A. To get information that I didn't know
13 what the hell he was talking about.

14 Q. You'll have to explain. I don't
15 understand what you're talking about, so you'll
16 have to explain. Why did he stop you?

17 A. To get information that I don't...

18 Q. He randomly wanted information from
19 you?

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. What happened after he stopped you?

22 A. Told don't go nowhere. He went to go
23 check a couple of apartments to see what's
24 really going on, and that was it.

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1 Q. That's all that happened? Why were
2 you arrested?

3 A. Came back at me, came back and just
4 took us in.

5 Q. So you were peacefully walking through
6 the apartment building and randomly stopped by a
7 police officer and he arrested you for reasons
8 you can't understand?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. It seems to happen a lot,
11 Mr. Souvannakane.

12 The next offense is dated October 24,
13 2000, resisting arrest. I assume that's related
14 to the same incident where you were arrested for
15 disturbing the peace?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Did you, in fact, resist arrest?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Why did he charge you for resisting
20 arrest, do you know?

21 A. They didn't even know why they took me
22 in. They had to think five minutes for the
23 charge, and that was it.

24 Q. So, again, you were charged with

1 other crimes besides the ones listed on that
2 sheet?

3 A. Right here (indicating)?

4 Q. Yes.

5 A. No.

6 Q. Have you ever been convicted of any of
7 the offenses that you were charged for that are
8 listed on that sheet?

9 A. Convicted, as in?

10 Q. Found guilty. To your knowledge, do
11 you have a conviction on your record?

12 A. To the best of my knowledge, I don't
13 even know.

14 Q. Aside from the few times that you were
15 arrested and I assume spent some time in jail as
16 a result of those arrests, have you ever spent
17 any time in jail as a result of any of the
18 offenses that are listed on that sheet in front
19 of you?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. The time that you spent in jail, was
22 that time in holding cells after you were
23 arrested waiting to go to court or was it any
24 longer length of time?

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1 resisting arrest, but you didn't actually resist
2 an arrest, and nobody understands why you were
3 charged for it?

4 A. No. They handcuffed me.

5 Q. What happened when they handcuffed
6 you?

7 A. What else? What could I do?

8 Q. Did you resist arrest?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Did you have to appear in court as a
11 result of those charges?

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. What resulted from that court
14 appearance?

15 A. Six month without a finding.

16 Q. So probation for six months; then
17 assuming you don't get into trouble during that
18 time, it's not -- it's no finding, nothing on
19 your record; is that correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Did you complete the terms of your
22 probation?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Have you ever been charged with any

1 A. Holding.

2 MS. TRAN: I'm going to take a very
3 brief bathroom break.

4 (Recess taken)

5 BY MS. TRAN:

6 Q. Do you remember when you were hired by
7 Sears?

8 A. August.

9 Q. Of what year?

10 A. At this point in time, I want to say
11 '03, '04.

12 Q. So it was either 2003 or 2004?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You previously testified that you were
15 employed by Sears for about a year and a half?

16 A. Year and a couple of months.

17 Q. And were you terminated from Sears in
18 October of 2003?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. So then is it accurate to say that you
21 were hired in August of 2002?

22 A. Sure.

23 Q. Sure, that's correct?

24 A. Yes, correct.

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1 Q. And what was your job title at Sears?
2 A. Tire tech and oil lube tech, battery
3 tech, maintenance tech.
4 Q. Were those titles that you held all at
5 the same time, or were they titles that you held
6 separately?
7 A. All at the same time.
8 Q. What did your job responsibilities at
9 Sears entail?
10 A. Tires, oil changes, batteries.
11 Q. Was it unusual at Sears at that time
12 for one person to hold that many positions or
13 was it something that was common?
14 A. I'd say common to me.
15 Q. What do you mean by common to you?
16 A. Something I can handle.
17 Q. Did anybody else hold more than one
18 position or more than one title?
19 A. Yes.
20 Q. Do a lot of other auto techs hold more
21 than one title or just a few?
22 A. A few.
23 Q. Do you remember who they were?
24 A. No.

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1 Q. Do you remember any of them?
2 A. No.
3 Q. Did you have a set schedule when you
4 were working at Sears?
5 A. Yes.
6 Q. Did that schedule change during the
7 course of your employment or was it the same for
8 the entire time?
9 A. Same for the entire time.
10 Q. What was that schedule?
11 A. I don't remember.
12 Q. Did you work weekends as well as
13 weekdays?
14 A. Yes.
15 Q. Do you remember if you worked standard
16 nine to five shifts or if you worked evening
17 shifts?
18 A. I don't remember. Some -- go ahead.
19 Q. Do you remember how many hours a week
20 you worked when you were employed by Sears?
21 A. I would say 40. I was full time.
22 Q. An average day at Sears, what kind of
23 work did you do? I know you said you did oil
24 changes and changed tires and batteries. But

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1 what does that entail, what type of things?
2 A. Tires, oil changes and batteries, yes.
3 Q. By "tires," what do you mean?
4 A. Swapping them and repairing them.
5 Q. And when you say "batteries," what do
6 you mean?
7 A. Recharge or replace.
8 Q. When you say "oil changes," you mean
9 standard oil changes?
10 A. Yes.
11 Q. Did you do alignments and things like
12 that or just the oil changing?
13 A. Just those three titles.
14 Q. If somebody came in for a full oil
15 change that included a tire alignment, would you
16 do the tire alignment, too, or would you just do
17 the oil change?
18 A. I would do what I'm capable of doing,
19 then I would pass it on to the alignment tech.
20 MR. OLSON: Just a second.
21 MS. TRAN: Sure.
22 (Counsel conferred with witness)
23 A. Just to run it back and clarify
24 something. When you asked me about tire

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1 alignments, what do you mean?
2 Q. I'm sorry?
3 A. When you asked me about tire
4 alignments, what did you mean?
5 Q. What I meant was you had said earlier
6 that you changed tires and repaired tires. Did
7 you also do alignment of tires?
8 A. Alignment is a whole different thing
9 from the tires.
10 Q. I understand that. Did you also
11 align, or did you just do repairs and changing
12 of the tires?
13 A. What I did was I did the tire work on
14 the vehicle, and from there the alignment tech
15 does the alignment, aligns the suspension.
16 Q. Were you limited to any one area of
17 the automotive shop when you were working or did
18 you work in more than one?
19 A. More than one.
20 Q. Were there any areas of the auto shop
21 that you didn't work in?
22 A. Yeah. Actually, no. I worked in all
23 areas.
24 Q. And by areas you understand I mean the

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1 physical locations of the shop?
2 A. Mm-hmm.
3 MR. CLOHERTY: You have to say yes or
4 no.
5 A. Yes.
6 Q. Were there specific areas set up in
7 the automotive shop when you were working there
8 to do tires and specific areas for oil changes
9 and specific areas for battery changes?
10 A. Correct.
11 Q. Did those areas ever overlap?
12 A. Yes.
13 Q. Same thing, were there specific areas
14 for alignments and other type of work done?
15 A. Correct.
16 Q. Were those areas ever used
17 interchangeably?
18 A. If it had to be done, yes.
19 Q. While you were employed by Sears, who
20 was your direct supervisor?
21 A. I was employed by a manager named
22 Rick; then from there another manager took over
23 named Anthony.
24 Q. And do you know what Rick's last name

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1 was?
2 A. No. I don't remember.
3 Q. Was he your direct supervisor when you
4 were first employed?
5 A. Yes.
6 Q. Do you remember about how long you
7 were employed at Sears when he left?
8 A. I don't remember.
9 Q. Do you remember what Anthony's last
10 name was?
11 A. No.
12 Q. Do you know who William Sullivan is?
13 A. No.
14 Q. Do you know if he's a Sears employee?
15 A. No.
16 Q. Have you ever heard the name before?
17 A. No.
18 Q. Do you know who Kevin Sullivan is?
19 A. Yes.
20 Q. Who is he?
21 A. A fellow employee, was a fellow
22 employee.
23 Q. What was his position with Sears?
24 A. Service writer.

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1 MS. NETSKI: I'm sorry, what?
2 THE WITNESS: Service writer.
3 Q. What does a service writer mean?
4 A. Person who writes up labor work from a
5 customer.
6 Q. Did he actually do any of the labor
7 work, or did he actually write it up?
8 A. He wrote it up, no labor work.
9 Q. Did Kevin ever supervise you during
10 the course of your employment?
11 A. I'll say yes.
12 Q. You'll say yes or yes?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. So yes, Kevin did supervise you?
15 A. I would say he was left in charge.
16 Q. What do you mean by "left in charge"?
17 A. Watch the store until the manager gets
18 back.
19 Q. Was he frequently left in charge in
20 that manner?
21 A. No.
22 Q. When you say "watch the store until
23 the manager gets back," does that include the
24 automotive section of the store or just the

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1 front section of the store dealing with
2 customers?
3 A. Most the time he was up front. But if
4 there was something that needed to be done, he
5 would come back.
6 Q. And do what?
7 A. Tell what needed to be done.
8 Q. When he's left in charge, was it your
9 understanding that he was in charge of both the
10 automotive section as well as the front end of
11 the store or just the front end? Would you
12 consider him your supervisor when he was in
13 charge?
14 A. No. No one ever told me physically
15 Kevin is in charge.
16 Q. Did Kevin have the authority to hire
17 or fire you?
18 A. No.
19 Q. Did you ever have any conversations
20 with Kevin regarding the circumstances of your
21 termination from Sears?
22 A. Repeat your question.
23 Q. Did you ever have any conversations
24 with Kevin regarding the circumstances of your

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1 termination from Sears?
2 A. No. That's after, right? No.
3 Q. Either before or after.
4 A. No.
5 Q. Did you and Kevin get along?
6 A. I will say yes.
7 Q. You will say yes or yes?
8 A. Yes, ma'am.
9 Q. Thank you.
10 Were you guys friends?
11 A. No.
12 Q. Why not?
13 A. Good question.
14 Q. Just never happened?
15 A. Fellow employee acquaintance.
16 Q. Do you feel Kevin ever discriminated
17 against you on the basis of your race?
18 A. I don't remember.
19 Q. You don't remember whether or not he
20 ever discriminated against you on the basis of
21 your race?
22 A. I want to say no. No.
23 Q. So no, he did not ever discriminate
24 against you on the basis of your race?

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1 A. Yeah.
2 Q. Is that correct?
3 A. Correct.
4 Q. To your knowledge, Kevin was not
5 involved in the decision to terminate your
6 employment; is that correct?
7 A. I don't know.
8 Q. Would Kevin have had the authority to
9 do that?
10 A. No.
11 Q. Do you know who Alicia Coviello is?
12 A. Yes.
13 Q. Who is she?
14 A. A girl that works at Sears.
15 Q. Do you know what her job title was at
16 Sears?
17 A. No.
18 Q. Did she work in the automotive
19 department?
20 A. No.
21 Q. How did you know Alicia?
22 A. Court.
23 Q. Could you be more specific?
24 A. Appear for a citation that was issued.

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1 Q. When?
2 A. I don't remember.
3 Q. What court?
4 A. Lynn District Court.
5 Q. Did you speak with her when she
6 appeared?
7 A. No.
8 Q. Did she appear more than once?
9 A. I don't remember.
10 Q. Did you know her or speak with her
11 during the time that you were employed by Sears
12 prior to the citation?
13 A. No, but...
14 Q. Just to be clear. That's a no, you
15 didn't know her or speak to her while you were
16 employed at Sears?
17 A. Correct.
18 Q. And what were you going to say?
19 A. She did loss prevention. Now I know
20 what she did.
21 Q. That was her job title at Sears?
22 A. Yes.
23 Q. You never had any occasion to talk to
24 her before your termination?

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1 (Pause)
2 Q. Is that a no?
3 A. After the termination?
4 Q. Before your termination.
5 A. No.
6 Q. And after your termination, the only
7 time you ever spoke to her was at the court
8 appearance; is that correct?
9 A. Before that we spoke, but I don't know
10 who she was.
11 Q. When did you speak with her?
12 A. No idea. She gave me a hard time to
13 get my last paycheck.
14 Q. So sometime after you were terminated
15 was the first time you spoke with her; is that
16 correct?
17 A. Yeah, but I don't know who she was.
18 Q. Do you remember about how long after
19 you were terminated that discussion happened?
20 A. No.
21 Q. Do you remember when you went to get
22 your last paycheck?
23 A. No.
24 Q. Was it within a week of your

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1 termination?
 2 A. I don't remember.
 3 Q. Within a month?
 4 A. Yeah. I would say within the month.
 5 Q. So it was within a month, to the best
 6 of your knowledge?
 7 A. Well, I'll just say I don't remember.
 8 Q. Would you have waited six months to go
 9 get your last paycheck?
 10 A. No, not that long.
 11 Q. Three months?
 12 A. Not that long.
 13 Q. And that conversation you had with
 14 Alicia when you went to get your last paycheck
 15 was the first time you had ever spoken with her?
 16 A. Yes.
 17 Q. When you said she gave you a hard
 18 time, what do you mean?
 19 A. She didn't want to give me my check.
 20 Q. Did she tell you she didn't want to
 21 give you your check?
 22 A. Not in those exact words, but
 23 basically.
 24 Q. What did she say?

1 Q. When you say Alicia gave you a hard
 2 time, can you be more specific?
 3 A. She gave me a hard time.
 4 Q. Can you be more specific?
 5 A. She wouldn't give it up.
 6 Q. Can you be more specific?
 7 A. I don't remember the events that
 8 happened that day. Word for word, I don't
 9 remember. But all I remember is she gave me a
 10 tough time.
 11 Q. Did you eventually get your last
 12 paycheck?
 13 A. No.
 14 Q. Why not?
 15 A. She wouldn't give it up.
 16 Q. Did she say why?
 17 A. I don't remember.
 18 Q. Did you eventually after that
 19 discussion with Alicia get your last paycheck
 20 from Sears?
 21 A. Yes.
 22 Q. How did you receive that check?
 23 A. I went to Sears a week after that day
 24 and I spoke to a secretary, the same secretary

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1 A. I don't remember, but she gave me a
 2 tough time.
 3 Q. When did you appear to get your last
 4 paycheck?
 5 A. I don't remember.
 6 Q. Do you remember where you went to get
 7 your last paycheck?
 8 A. Sears.
 9 Q. Which building? The Sears in Saugus,
 10 I assume?
 11 A. Yes, the Sears in Saugus.
 12 Q. Which building?
 13 A. The main building.
 14 Q. Where the retail store is located?
 15 A. Yes.
 16 Q. Did you go into the human resources
 17 department?
 18 A. Yes.
 19 Q. Is Alicia the only person you spoke
 20 with to get your last paycheck?
 21 A. The secretary.
 22 Q. You spoke with the secretary before
 23 you spoke with Alicia?
 24 A. Yes.

1 before Alicia, and she gave it to me with no
 2 hassle.
 3 Q. But you don't, as you sit here today,
 4 remember why Alicia wouldn't give you your last
 5 paycheck; is that correct?
 6 A. Correct.
 7 Q. To your knowledge, was Alicia in a
 8 position to hire or fire you?
 9 A. I honestly don't know. She's loss
 10 prevention. She wasn't in management, I don't
 11 think. I don't know nothing about her. All I
 12 know is loss prevention.
 13 Q. Do you know whether or not loss
 14 prevention had any authority to hire or fire
 15 employees?
 16 A. Don't know.
 17 Q. Did Alicia ever discriminate against
 18 you on the basis of your race?
 19 A. I don't know.
 20 Q. You don't know if she ever
 21 discriminated against you on the basis of your
 22 race?
 23 A. I don't know.
 24 Q. That one time you spoke to her, that's

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1 the first time you met her; is that correct?
 2 A. Other than we had to appear in court
 3 for that citation.
 4 Q. Other than --
 5 A. We didn't share no words.
 6 Q. Other than appearing in court, the
 7 only time you ever spoke to her was after your
 8 termination when you went to get your paycheck;
 9 is that correct?
 10 A. Correct.
 11 Q. Do you know who Barbara Tagliarino is?
 12 A. Barbara rings a bell.
 13 Q. Do you know who she is?
 14 A. I want to say the manager in charge of
 15 the whole Sears operation.
 16 Q. Have you ever met her?
 17 A. Termination day, yes.
 18 Q. When you say you want to say she's the
 19 manager, do you believe she is the manager or do
 20 you want to say she is the manager?
 21 A. I want to say she's the manager.
 22 Q. But you don't know for sure?
 23 A. No.
 24 Q. Is Barbara Tagliarino the same Barbara

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1 you met with at your termination?
 2 A. I'm not familiar with the last name.
 3 The first name is Barbara.
 4 Q. You met with a woman named Barbara
 5 when you were terminated?
 6 A. Yes.
 7 Q. Was anybody else present when you were
 8 terminated?
 9 A. Yes, my automotive manager, Anthony,
 10 at the time.
 11 Q. Had you ever met Barbara before the
 12 day of your termination?
 13 A. No.
 14 Q. Do you know what Barbara's job title
 15 was at Sears?
 16 A. The woman named Barbara that I knew of
 17 was the general manager of the store.
 18 Q. Did Barbara have authority to hire or
 19 fire you, to your knowledge?
 20 A. I will say yes. The Barbara I know?
 21 Q. Yes, the Barbara you know?
 22 (Pause)
 23 Q. Yes?
 24 A. The Barbara that I know of, yeah, the

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1 general manager, yes.
 2 Q. Prior to the day of your termination
 3 you never spoke with Barbara, the Barbara you
 4 knew?
 5 A. The Barbara that's -- after the
 6 termination?
 7 Q. Prior to your termination, you never
 8 spoke with Barbara; is that correct?
 9 A. Yes.
 10 Q. The Barbara employed by Sears that
 11 we're discussing?
 12 A. Explain that again.
 13 Q. Prior to the day of your termination,
 14 is it correct that you never spoke with Barbara?
 15 A. Yeah.
 16 Q. Did you speak with Barbara after your
 17 termination?
 18 A. No.
 19 Q. So that conversation you had in which
 20 you were terminated is the only time you ever
 21 spoke with Barbara?
 22 A. Correct.
 23 Q. Did Barbara ever discriminate against
 24 you on the basis of your race?

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1 A. Not that I know of.
 2 Q. Do you know who Richard Spellman is?
 3 A. No, I don't.
 4 Q. Do you know if he's employed by Sears?
 5 A. I don't know.
 6 Q. Do you know who Anthony Cieri is?
 7 A. No. I know Anthony, my manager
 8 Anthony, but I don't know if that's the same
 9 Anthony.
 10 Q. Your manager Anthony, do you know what
 11 his job title is?
 12 A. Shop manager.
 13 Q. And he managed the automotive shop
 14 when you worked --
 15 A. Yes.
 16 Q. -- at Sears?
 17 A. Yes.
 18 Q. If you can let me finish my question
 19 even though you know what it's going to be so
 20 she can record it.
 21 A. I apologize.
 22 Q. That's okay.
 23 A. It slipped my mind.
 24 Q. It does mine all the time. Don't

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1 worry.
 2 Did you get along with Anthony?
 3 A. I'd say we had a good relation until
 4 the termination.
 5 Q. How frequently did you see Anthony
 6 while you were employed at Sears?
 7 A. When we worked the same -- when he --
 8 when we worked the same schedule.
 9 Q. To your knowledge, did Anthony have
 10 the authority to terminate your employment at
 11 Sears?
 12 A. Yes.
 13 Q. Did Anthony ever discriminate against
 14 you on the basis of your race?
 15 A. Not that I know of.
 16 Q. Do you know who Jose Hernandez is?
 17 A. Yes.
 18 Q. Who is he?
 19 A. A fellow employee.
 20 Q. When you were employed at Sears?
 21 A. When I was employed at Sears.
 22 Q. Did you and Jose get along?
 23 A. Yes.
 24 Q. Was Jose a supervisor or was he the

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1 same level as you?
 2 A. Same level.
 3 Q. Do you know who Michael Katsaris is?
 4 A. Yes.
 5 Q. Who is he?
 6 A. A fellow employee.
 7 Q. At Sears?
 8 A. Yes.
 9 Q. Was he also an automotive tech?
 10 A. Yes.
 11 Q. Did you and Michael get along?
 12 A. I'd say yes.
 13 Q. Do you know who John Baldi is?
 14 A. Yes.
 15 Q. Who is he?
 16 A. Fellow employee.
 17 Q. By John Baldi, I mean John Baldi, Jr.
 18 Do you understand me?
 19 A. Yes.
 20 Q. He's a fellow employee at Sears?
 21 A. Yes.
 22 Q. Did you and John get along?
 23 A. Yes.
 24 Q. Did you ever talk with Jose Hernandez

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1 about the circumstances of your terminations
 2 from Sears?
 3 A. No.
 4 Q. Did you ever talk -- I'm sorry. Go
 5 ahead.
 6 A. This would be after the termination?
 7 Q. Either before or after the
 8 termination, did you ever talk with Jose about
 9 any of the circumstances that gave rise to your
 10 termination?
 11 A. No.
 12 Q. Did you ever speak with Michael
 13 Katsaris about the circumstances that gave rise
 14 to your termination or about the termination
 15 itself?
 16 A. No.
 17 Q. Did you ever speak with John Baldi
 18 about the circumstances that gave rise to your
 19 termination or about the termination itself?
 20 A. After or before?
 21 Q. Before or after.
 22 A. Yes.
 23 Q. What did you and John talk about with
 24 regard to your termination?

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1 A. Why did I get terminated.
 2 Q. When did you talk to John about why
 3 you got terminated?
 4 A. The day I returned his pickup truck
 5 that he let me borrow.
 6 Q. When did you return the pickup truck?
 7 A. The day of termination.
 8 Q. Do you remember what day you were
 9 terminated?
 10 A. No. I don't remember.
 11 Q. During the course of your appointment
 12 at Sears, do you remember if anybody
 13 discriminated against you on the basis of your
 14 race, or do you know if anybody discriminated
 15 against you on the basis of your race?
 16 A. Yes.
 17 Q. Who?
 18 A. A man named Sal, Sal something.
 19 Q. Do you remember his last name?
 20 A. No, I don't.
 21 Q. Do you remember what his job title was
 22 at Sears?
 23 A. Service writer.
 24 Q. So he had the same job title as Kevin

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1 Sullivan?
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. How did Sal discriminate against you?
4 A. He came at me one day angry and he
5 told me to go back to Cambodia you fucking Gook.
6 Q. Those are the exact words he used?
7 A. Yes.
8 Q. Why was he angry at you?
9 A. Because I didn't do something that I
10 wasn't supposed to do. No. Let me rephrase
11 that. He expected me to do something that was
12 out of my job title.
13 Q. What did he expect you to do?
14 A. Go to the warehouse and grab a tire
15 when a sales writer is supposed to do it.
16 Q. Go to the warehouse and grab a tire.
17 you said?
18 A. Yes.
19 Q. Where is the warehouse?
20 A. Downstairs underneath -- under the
21 automotive center.
22 Q. And did Sal ask you to do that?
23 A. Yes. But I was busy myself.
24 Q. Was Sal a supervisor?

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1 A. No.
2 Q. Did Sal have the authority to
3 terminate your employment at Sears, to your
4 knowledge?
5 A. No.
6 Q. Was Sal still employed by Sears when
7 you were terminated?
8 A. I believe so.
9 Q. So he was still employed by Sears when
10 you left; is that correct?
11 (Pause)
12 Q. Is that a yes?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. Thank you.
15 MS. TRAN: Do you want to take a quick
16 break?
17 (Recess taken)
18 BY MS. TRAN:
19 Q. Getting back to the incident you
20 described with Sal?
21 A. Okay.
22 Q. Was anybody else present when he made
23 these comments to you?
24 A. No.

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1 Q. It was just you and him at the shop?
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. What did you say in response when he
4 told you to go back to Cambodia?
5 A. I'm trying to remember.
6 Q. Take your time.
7 A. To the best of my knowledge, after he
8 spoke his racial slur I replied, I'm not
9 Cambodian. He said, Whatever you are. I called
10 him, Shut up, meatball, something like that.
11 Q. Is Sal Italian?
12 A. I guess so. I'm not sure. But I
13 guess so.
14 Q. But I assume when you said, Shut up,
15 meatball, you were referring to --
16 A. Yes. That's what I said.
17 Q. What did he say when you told him that
18 you weren't Cambodian?
19 A. Say that again.
20 Q. What did he say when you told him you
21 weren't Cambodian?
22 A. Whatever the hell you are.
23 Q. And that's when you replied, Shut up,
24 meatball?

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1 A. Basically, yes.
2 Q. By "basically" is that exactly what
3 you said, or is that what you remember saying?
4 A. To the best of my knowledge, I know I
5 said meatball. It was nonsense back and forth.
6 Q. What happened next?
7 A. We went our separate ways.
8 Q. Did you ever have any other
9 interactions with Sal in which he used racial
10 slurs against you?
11 A. Just that one time --
12 Q. Did you inform --
13 A. -- that I know of.
14 Q. That you remember, you mean?
15 A. Yes.
16 Q. Did you inform anybody else at Sears
17 about what Sal told you?
18 A. I don't remember.
19 Q. Do you remember telling Anthony about
20 what Sal said?
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. What did Anthony say in response to
23 that?
24 A. Oh, wow. Really? That's all I

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1 remember.
 2 Q. You don't remember if he said anything
 3 else or if you talked about it with Sal or
 4 anything?
 5 A. All I remember is one day he pulled me
 6 in his office and asked what happened.
 7 Q. Who did?
 8 A. Anthony.
 9 Q. Why did Anthony pull you into his
 10 office and ask you what happened?
 11 A. To get the breakdown of what really
 12 happened.
 13 Q. Was this because there was tension
 14 between you and Sal during the time that you
 15 worked there?
 16 A. Him, maybe; me, no.
 17 Q. So do you have any knowledge, as you
 18 sit here today, as to why Anthony pulled you
 19 into his office to ask you what happened?
 20 A. Say that again.
 21 Q. Do you have any knowledge, as you sit
 22 here today, as to why Anthony pulled you into
 23 his office to ask you --
 24 A. Just to find out what happened.

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1 Q. Was it shortly after the racial slur?
 2 A. Yeah.
 3 Q. The same day?
 4 A. No.
 5 Q. Was it within a week?
 6 A. Somewhere in that time frame, I guess.
 7 Q. Did you speak with anybody else at
 8 Sears about the comment that Sal made to you?
 9 A. I don't remember.
 10 Q. Do you remember when this happened,
 11 Sal's comment to you?
 12 A. Sometime during my employment.
 13 Q. Do you remember how far into your
 14 employment it was?
 15 A. I don't remember.
 16 Q. Was it more than six months into your
 17 employment?
 18 A. I honestly don't remember.
 19 Q. Do you remember if it was more than a
 20 year into your employment?
 21 A. I don't remember.
 22 Q. And you don't remember telling anybody
 23 else at Sears about the comment Sal made to you?
 24 A. Yeah.

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1 Q. Did you tell any of your fellow
 2 employees?
 3 A. I don't remember.
 4 Q. Have you ever discussed the comment
 5 Sal made to you with John Baldi?
 6 A. Yes.
 7 Q. When did you discuss them with John?
 8 A. I don't remember.
 9 Q. By John, I mean John, Jr. You
 10 understand me?
 11 A. Yeah.
 12 Q. You don't remember when you discussed
 13 them with John?
 14 A. I don't remember.
 15 Q. Was it before or after your
 16 termination?
 17 A. It was after my termination.
 18 Q. Do you remember if it was shortly
 19 after your termination?
 20 A. I don't remember.
 21 Q. Did you discuss these comments that
 22 Sal made to you with Jose Hernandez?
 23 A. I don't remember.
 24 Q. Do you remember discussing it with

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1 anybody else that you worked with at Sears that
 2 was not in a management position?
 3 A. I don't remember.
 4 Q. To the best of your recollection,
 5 Anthony Cieri is the only manager you ever spoke
 6 with about the comment that Sal made; is that
 7 correct?
 8 A. That I remember, yes.
 9 Q. Were you ever reprimanded during the
 10 time that you were employed by Sears?
 11 A. Say that again.
 12 Q. Were you ever reprimanded by Sears
 13 during the time of your employment by Sears?
 14 A. I don't understand that question.
 15 Q. Were you ever disciplined for any
 16 reason?
 17 A. When you say disciplined, what do you
 18 mean?
 19 Q. Were you ever spoken to for any
 20 actions that you had done at Sears? Were you
 21 ever reprimanded? Was there ever a warning
 22 issued to you for anything that you had done?
 23 A. I don't remember.
 24 Q. When were you terminated? Do you

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1 remember the date?
 2 A. No, I don't.
 3 Q. Do you remember the month you were
 4 terminated?
 5 A. I don't remember.
 6 Q. You testified earlier that Barbara and
 7 Anthony were the only two people that were
 8 present when you were terminated; is that
 9 correct?
 10 A. Correct.
 11 Q. What reason were you given for your
 12 termination?
 13 A. I don't know.
 14 Q. You don't remember?
 15 A. I don't remember. Exact written
 16 reason?
 17 Q. Any reason. What reason were you
 18 given for your termination?
 19 A. At this point, I don't remember.
 20 Q. What were the circumstances
 21 surrounding your termination?
 22 A. Swearing.
 23 Q. Swearing at whom?
 24 A. Not me. Another employee.

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1 Q. Some other employee swore?
 2 A. Mm-hmm.
 3 Q. But you were terminated for it?
 4 A. Yeah.
 5 Q. What's the other employees name that
 6 swore?
 7 A. I don't remember.
 8 Q. Who did the other employee supposedly
 9 swear at?
 10 A. A customer.
 11 Q. And you never swore at that customer?
 12 A. No.
 13 Q. Had you ever been reprimanded for
 14 swearing prior to that incident?
 15 A. I don't remember.
 16 Q. When you say Barbara and Anthony were
 17 the only two people present when you were
 18 terminated, where was it when you were
 19 officially terminated? Were you in Barbara's
 20 office or Anthony's office?
 21 A. Barbara's office.
 22 Q. Was it at the end of a shift that you
 23 were called in to Barbara's office?
 24 A. No.

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1 Q. What happened during the termination?
 2 Where did you go?
 3 A. We went -- Anthony called me in his
 4 office, and from there we went to Barbara's
 5 office.
 6 Q. Did Anthony say why he was calling you
 7 into his office?
 8 A. Yeah, We have a problem.
 9 Q. Did he elaborate, or is that all he
 10 said at that time?
 11 A. He elaborated.
 12 Q. What did he say?
 13 A. From the best of my knowledge,
 14 basically just the events that happened one
 15 night from swearing back and forth.
 16 Q. When you say "swearing back and
 17 forth," what do you mean?
 18 A. The other technician swearing.
 19 Q. What happened after Anthony pulled you
 20 into his office?
 21 A. We have to wait for Barbara.
 22 Q. Did you wait in Anthony's office for
 23 Barbara?
 24 A. No.

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1 Q. Where did you go?
 2 A. Human resources.
 3 Q. Did you and Anthony go to human
 4 resources together?
 5 A. The first time, no.
 6 Q. What do you mean by "the first time"?
 7 A. After Anthony called me in the office,
 8 he told me what happened. So I went to go talk
 9 with Barbara.
 10 Q. I'm going to stop you for a second.
 11 When you say he told you what happened, what do
 12 you mean?
 13 A. The swearing back and forth with the
 14 other technician.
 15 Q. What did Anthony say to you about
 16 that?
 17 A. That's all I remember. He basically
 18 said, We got a complaint on you about swearing
 19 with another technician, or whatever, and we got
 20 to let you go.
 21 Q. Did he say the complaint was from
 22 another technician or from a customer?
 23 A. I don't remember.
 24 Q. Did you ask him?

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1 A. I don't remember.
 2 Q. What happened next?
 3 A. I was waiting for Barbara.
 4 Q. Where were you waiting for Barbara?
 5 A. Human resources.
 6 Q. So after you spoke with Anthony, you
 7 went to human resources by yourself?
 8 A. Yeah.
 9 Q. Did you speak with Barbara?
 10 A. No.
 11 Q. Why not?
 12 A. She wasn't present.
 13 Q. What happened next?
 14 A. Spoke to a secretary. The secretary
 15 told me she called and she's going to be late.
 16 Q. What did you do?
 17 A. Went back to Anthony.
 18 Q. Back to Anthony's office?
 19 A. Yes.
 20 Q. What happened next?
 21 A. We both went to go wait for Barbara.
 22 Q. So you went back to Anthony's office,
 23 and then you and Anthony both went to human
 24 resources to wait for Barbara?

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1 A. Mm-hmm.
 2 MR. CLOHERTY: You have to say yes or
 3 no.
 4 A. Yes.
 5 Q. Then what happened?
 6 A. We waited for Barbara.
 7 Q. At some point did Barbara arrive?
 8 A. Yes.
 9 Q. What happened next?
 10 A. Come to my office.
 11 Q. Who said that?
 12 A. Barbara.
 13 Q. Did you and Anthony go into Barbara's
 14 office?
 15 A. Yes, we did.
 16 Q. What happened next?
 17 A. You're terminated.
 18 Q. When you say "you're terminated," is
 19 that somebody telling you you're terminated?
 20 A. Barbara.
 21 Q. So you walk into her office, and the
 22 first thing she says is, You're terminated?
 23 A. Have a seat.
 24 Q. I need you to tell me who is saying

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1 what.
 2 A. Okay.
 3 Q. So you walk into her office, and what
 4 happens next?
 5 A. From what I remember, it's, Have a
 6 seat.
 7 Q. Who says, Have a seat?
 8 A. Barbara says, Have a seat.
 9 Q. Okay.
 10 A. You're terminated.
 11 Q. Barbara says, You're terminated?
 12 A. She didn't even -- she didn't even
 13 allow me to explain myself. She just basically
 14 said, You're terminated. Go. Get off the
 15 property.
 16 Q. Did you want to explain yourself?
 17 A. Oh, yes.
 18 Q. What were you going to say if you were
 19 given an opportunity to explain yourself?
 20 A. It wasn't me.
 21 Q. Did you tell Anthony it wasn't you?
 22 A. Yes.
 23 Q. What did Anthony say?
 24 A. He told me that the customer said it

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1 was me.
 2 Q. What did you say when he told you that
 3 the customer said it was you?
 4 A. I asked him to pull the other
 5 technician in.
 6 Q. Who was the other technician?
 7 A. I don't remember his name.
 8 Q. Did he pull the other technician in?
 9 A. I don't think he was on schedule. I
 10 could be wrong though?
 11 Q. But as you sit here today, you don't
 12 remember that he was working that day, the other
 13 technician?
 14 A. Yes.
 15 Q. Had you been reprimanded or warned for
 16 swearing at a customer prior to that incident?
 17 A. I don't remember.
 18 MS. TRAN: I'm going to have these
 19 marked as 5, 6, 7 and 8.
 20 (Exhibits 5 through 8 marked
 21 for identification)
 22 Q. I'm going to show you what's been
 23 marked as Exhibit No. 8. Just take a minute to
 24 review that and let me know when you're finished

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